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SUBJ: FIFTH CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN PARTIES

REF: A) ANT 806; B) ANT 846; C) ANT 874

1. SUMMARY CONFERENCE, NOW OFFICIALLY BILLED AS 5TH CONFERENCE  
OF PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN PARTIES, BEGAN ON SCHEDULE MAY 17.

SOME INDICATIONS THAT MALAGASY GOVERNMENT MAY BE DOWNPLAYING  
CONFERENCE IN ORDER NOT TO ANTAGONIZE OAU. END SUMMARY.

2. TANZANIA IS NOT RPT NOT REPRESENTED AND HAS SENT REGRETS,  
PLEADING OTHER ENGAGEMENTS, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
CAPE VERDE AND GUINEA BISSAU ARE LISTED AS PARTICIPANTS BUT ACCORDING  
TO FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM THEM. KINGSLEY YUMA,  
PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS TANZANIAN REP, IS APPARENTLY ANC DELEGATE,  
POSSIBLY RESIDENT IN DAR ES SALAAM.

3. FIRST SPEAKER WAS LIBYAN DELEGATION HEAD AHMED SHAHATI  
IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF LAST SUCH CONFERENCE, THE FOURTH  
IN THE SERIES, HELD IN TRIPOLI IN MARCH (REF A.)

SHAHADI'S SPEECH STRESSED THAT THIS CONFERENCE CAME AT A TIME  
WHEN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT WAS FACING UP TO A THREAT FROM THE  
IMPERIALISTS, REACTIONARIES, COLONIALISTS, AND NEO-COLONIALISTS.  
PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN FORCES WERE PICKING UP THE CHALLENGE AND

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THIS REUNION HAD AS ITS OBJECTIVE TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE  
LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN AFRICA AND IN THE WORLD.

SHAHADI DENOUNCED RACIST INTERVENTIONS IN NAMIBIA, ANGOLA,  
ZIMBABWE, AND SOUTH AFRICA AND CLAIMED THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE  
OF REUNION AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS. LIBYA ITSELF WAS MAKING  
EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN CHAD AND OF SAHRAVI'S RIGHT TO SELF  
DETERMINATION. "WE REAFFIRM THAT AFRICANS CAN THEMSELVES SOLVE

THEIR OWN PROBLEMS."

4. NEXT SPEAKER WAS MALAGASY DELETATION HEAD JUSTIN RAKOTONIAIANA. IN ADDITION TO SIMILAR PROGRESSIVE SLOGANS, HE GAVE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF MADAGASCAR'S REVOLUTIONARY PROGRESS SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF THE NEO-COLONIALIST REGIME IN 1972, INCLUDING THE CLOSING IN 1975 OF "WHAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY... THE STATION FOR DETECTION AND OBSERVATION OF SATELLITES INSTALLED IN IN THE COUNTRY DURING THE NEO-COLONIALIST PERIOD", I.E. NASA.

5. COMMENT: PREVIOUS CONFUSION OVER EXACT TITLE OF CONFERENCE-- STATES OR PARTIES--MAY INDICATE THAT MADAGASCAR HAD FIRST WANTED CONFERENCE TO BE AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL AND HAD LATER BACKED OFF OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE FEELINGS OF THE OAU AND NON-PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. IMPRESSION THAT MALAGASY GOVERNMENT MAY NOW WANT TO DOWNPLAY CONFERENCE STRENGTHENED BY CONTINUED ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA FROM CAPITAL. HE RECEIVED LIBYAN DELEGATION IN MAJUNGA PROVINCE WHICH HE IS NOW TOURING, BUT DID NOT RETURN TO ANTANANARIVO FOR OPENING CEREMONIES, NOR TO RECEIVE A VISITING SOVIET DELEGATION LED BY VP OF SUPREME SOVIET WHICH STAYED IN MADAGASCAR LESS THAN 24 HOURS.  
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